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PFC NOBORI WINS BRONZE STAR FOR VALOROUS DEED

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY--Pfc. Teruo Nobori of Berkeley, California, was recently awarded the Bronze Star for valorous conduct in action with the 442nd Japanese combat team.

Nobori received his award from the 92nd division's commanding general, Major General M. Almond, at a special Fifth Army parade and awards ceremony at Novi, Italy. He also wears the Distinguished Unit Badge as a member of the task force that aided in the rescue of "the 141st Infantry's 'Lost Battalion' in France, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Good Conduct Medal and the European Theater ribbon with four battle stars.

Nobori, a former market operator in Berkeley, volunteered for the army from Topaz. His wife, Mrs. Kiyo Nobori, now lives in Berkeley.

FIREWORKS BANNED

No fireworks will be allowed here on the Fourth of July because of the fire hazard, Project Director L.T. Hoffman announced.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION REVEALS TWELVE NEW MEMBERS

The result of the council election revealed twelve new members and nineteen re-elected members, according to a report made by the general election board. Block 6, 26, and 28 did not hold a nomination meeting; therefore no election was held.

The new community council will elect their chairman in the next meeting.

The councilmen of the blocks are as follows:

Block 1, *Hideo Yamada; 3, *Hiroshi Takayama; 4, Ichiiji Sagiyama; 5, *Masajiro Hirota; 6, no candidate; 7, *Jiro Arita; 8, Tadashi Hashiguchi;

MYER GIVES REASONS FOR SETTING CLOSING DATES

WRA Director Dillon S. Myer, in a letter to Project Director L.T. Hoffman, sets forth the reasons why he has asked all centers to set closing dates prior to January 1. Topaz officials and evacuee leaders are preparing such a recommendation now.

NO HOLIDAY ON JULY 4

Fourth of July will not be a holiday for WRA employees. However, residents may take the day off with the approval of their section head and have it charged against their accumulated vacation leave.

ARMY BOARD TO HEAR APPEALS

A three-man army hearing board composed of Col. R.W. Hocker, president of the hearing board, Lt. Col. R.C. Febigor, and Lt. George A. Maigs arrived here Tuesday from the Western Defense Command headquarters in San Francisco to hear 10 appeals from segregationists seeking revocation of their individual exclusion orders.

The number of Topaz segregationists now is down to 28 from a high of 89.

"First of all," Myer writes, "I believe everyone will agree that conditions will be much more favorable to relocation during July, August and September than during October, November and December."

HOUSING BEST NOW

"Housing is a problem in virtually every relocation district. The housing problem can be met better during the summer months than during the fall and winter months."

"The transportation problem will be more acute in the last three months of this year than during the rest of the summer. Transportation will become increasingly difficult as each month passes. In addition to the needs created by the military situation, there will be additional demands on the transportation system by Christmas mail and holiday traffic during the last two months of the year."

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

"Further, while I do not expect that the evacuees will experience any serious difficulties in obtaining jobs during the last three months of the year, it is true that normally jobs are more plentiful."

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FOUR YOUTHS CALLED FOR PHYSICAL JULY 5

Notices for four boys to report for their pre-induction physicals at Ft. Douglas on July 5 have been received here, according to Paul McConnell, acting for local board #30.

The list includes: Yasumitsu Furuya, 30-4-B; Akio Tony Takai, 4-2-B; Fred Kiotaka Moritomo, 30-9-B; and Tatsuo Nakamoto, 5-8-F.

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January 1, 1945.....5974
One week ago.....4799
Today.....4664